

1-1 By: Reynolds (Senate Sponsor - Ellis) H.B. No. 1580
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 29, 2013;
 1-3 April 29, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Economic Development; May 13, 2013, reported favorably by the
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 13, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Deuell	X			
1-8 Hancock	X			
1-9 Birdwell			X	
1-10 Davis	X			
1-11 Eltife	X			
1-12 Fraser	X			
1-13 Watson			X	

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to excluding certain short-term employment from
 1-18 unemployment compensation chargebacks and grounds for benefit
 1-19 disqualification.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Section 204.022, Labor Code, is amended by
 1-22 adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

1-23 (a-1) Benefits computed on benefit wage credits of an
 1-24 employee or former employee may not be charged to the account of an
 1-25 employer if:

1-26 (1) the employment did not constitute suitable work
 1-27 for the employee, as determined under Section 207.008; and

1-28 (2) the employee worked for the employer for less than
 1-29 four weeks.

1-30 SECTION 2. Section 207.045, Labor Code, is amended by
 1-31 adding Subsection (g-1) to read as follows:

1-32 (g-1) An individual who voluntarily leaves the individual's
 1-33 last work is not disqualified for benefits under this section if:

1-34 (1) at the time the last work began, the individual was
 1-35 receiving benefits under this subtitle;

1-36 (2) the work did not constitute suitable work for the
 1-37 individual, as determined under Section 207.008; and

1-38 (3) the individual was employed at the last work for
 1-39 less than four weeks.

1-40 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
 1-41 a claim for unemployment compensation benefits filed with the Texas
 1-42 Workforce Commission on or after the effective date of this Act. A
 1-43 claim filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the
 1-44 law in effect on the date the claim was filed, and the former law is
 1-45 continued in effect for that purpose.

1-46 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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